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1. Units of the 4 Field Army which have been gradually moved to Manchuria since December 1949 include 10 infantry divisions, 6 artillery divisions (2 of which are not equipped with artillery) and 3 cavalry brigades. The total number of troops in Manchuria is about 400,000,* including 150,000 in Public Security units. The Northeast Military District Headquarters are at Mukden in the building formerly used by the Nationalist Northeast China Command. 25X1X
2. Army schools in Manchuria include the tank school at Ssuningchieh (124-22, 43-11) and the transportation, artillery, air defense, and medical schools in Mukden. The commander of the tank school is MAI I (萬壽); he is also commander of the Mechanized Corps, whose headquarters are in Ssuningchieh. All the instructors of the tank school are Soviets, and Soviet tanks are used for training. The Mechanized Corps is equipped with Japanese and American tanks taken over from the Nationalists.
3. The two naval schools in Manchuria are at Hulutao (121-01, 40-44) and at Tatung Harbor (124-10, 39-52) in Antung. CHU Te is honorary vice-president of the Hulutao school, and CHANG Hsueh-shih (張學詩) is vice-president of both schools.***
4. In March 1950, employees of the Harbin Railway Administration wore military uniforms and carried weapons. As of June, they wear the blue SUN Yat-sen uniforms, with caps bearing the hammer and sickle insignia. Government officials in Manchuria wear a round badge about an inch in diameter with a red cloisonne enamel background. Two lines on the badge indicate the branch of the government to which the wearer belongs. The first line, for example, may read "People's Government of China" or "Northeast People's Government", while the second line may give the name of a government ministry.
5. Manufacturing equipment of the Mukden Arsenal was moved to Futanchiang (122-37, 44-35) in January 1949, and workers and equipment of the Hengyang Arsenal were moved to Futanchiang in December 1949. The director of the

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Mutanchiang Arsenal, CHEN***, was the Nationalist director of the Mukden Arsenal. The Mutanchiang Arsenal is manufacturing Japanese-model rifles, light and heavy machine guns, and knee mortars. Workers at the arsenal are dissatisfied because they were moved so far north. The Mukden Arsenal now maintains repair facilities for the M-3 sub-machine gun formerly manufactured at Mukden by the Nationalists.

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* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The largest estimate given in reports of July and August is just over 200,000. Possibly this is exclusive of Public Security units.

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** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. A Communist merchant marine college in Hulubao has also been reported. CHANG Hsueh-shih has been reported as vice-president of the Antung naval academy. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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*** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. CHEN is unidentified. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ he may be a brother of CH'EN I. Possibly he is CH'EN Shih-chu (陳士集), a nephew of CH'EN I and head of the Supply Bureau of the Engineer Department of the Mechanized Forces Headquarters.

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